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information on the following:

- a. Evacuation of Soviet Troops from Rumania.
- b. Reduction of Strength of the Armed Forces

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Country: RUMANIA

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES

The communique of 24 May 1958 on the decisions of the MOSCOW Conference announced:

A Reduction ^{by} ~~of~~ 55,000 members of the Rumanian Armed Forces, by far the greatest reduction among the Satellites. The apparent explanation is that in proportion to the size of the area and to the tasks, Rumania had the highest strength. This supports the estimate of 270,000 members of the Rumanian Armed Forces, not including the troops of the N.A.I./Zsic; M.A.I. (Ministry of the Interior)?/.

The steps ~~is being~~ already taken include: call up of only one part of January 1958 quota; ~~XXXXXXXX~~ returning to their homes the members of the Armed Forces who had completed one year of service; transfer to the reserves of many career officers. This has just begun to go into force and there is noticeable considerable worry among the officers on active duty who are afraid of losing their posts.

There is already a considerable reduction of the troops which were formerly in garrison; this is the case at BUZAU.

B A complete withdrawal of Soviet Forces stationed in RUMANIA is announced for the near future. There was formal confirmation by the Soviet Ambassador and the Military Attache who agreed that Western observers would have full opportunity to verify this.

The following steps are now in progress: the children of the Soviet officers and ~~XX~~ noncommissioned officers are now taking their

final examinations in the schools. The families are all getting ready.

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[redacted] to leave immediately after the examinations. The sale of many household goods has started. The inventories of the Soviet installations such as warehouses, schools, and hotels will be given to the Rumanian authorities. There are unmistakable movements and preparations in the Soviet barracks.

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[redacted] the evacuation would be completed in August. [redacted] beginning of September.

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Consequently, the Rumanian General Staff is faced with a difficult ~~task.~~ ~~duty.~~ It will have to occupy all the Soviet military installations and at the same time it will be demobilizing 55,000 men. It may be in this connection that we must explain the call-up of thousands of reservists from 24 to 45 years old, observed at BUCHAREST from 31 May to 4 June. (These are probably the specialists needed to maintain Army installations and air bases.)

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Countries: RUMANIA-USSR

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM RUMANIA

The withdrawal of Soviet troops from Rumania, decreed 24 May 1958, began the first part of June.

I E.O.A. /unidentified abbreviation/ - ~~BRAX~~ CONSTANTA

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All heavy equipment, most of the motor park, the organic guns of the army, including 18 guns of 100-mm previously observed in CONSTANTA, had already been evacuated on 9 June. All movement took place on preceding nights. At least part of the equipment moved in the direction of MAMAIA-MEDGIDIA (A.A.A.) No direct observation.

II Mechanized Division at BRAILA

^{equipment}
Barrack and heavy equipment was load^{ed} at FOCSANI all during the first week of June.

Conference at headquarters of the Mechanized Infantry Division among officers of the different arms of the division

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Pre-departure ceremonies: 11 June, BRAILA; 13 June, GALATI; 14 June, FOCSANI and RIMNICU SARAT; 15 June, departure from GALATI in the presence of President of the Rumanian Council of Ministers, troops from GALATI and BRAILA; 15 June, passage of other troops (probably the FOCSANI and RIMNICI SARAT garrisons).

III TIMISOARA Division R.A.S Regiment d'artillerie de siege, Regiment of siege artillery?

IV Soviet Garrison at BUCHAREST. 15 June; Soviet military

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hospital evacuated and also the targets of the Communication Corps.

V Soviet Aviation

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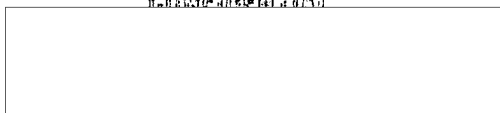
Soviet Air Force present on 5 June at IANCA, BOBOC, AND

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URZICENI airfields; no observation at FETESTI; normal flights at

URZICENI 7 June.

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